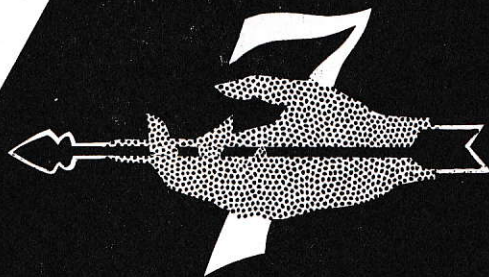




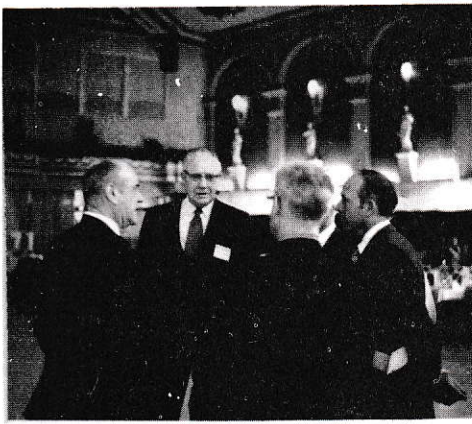
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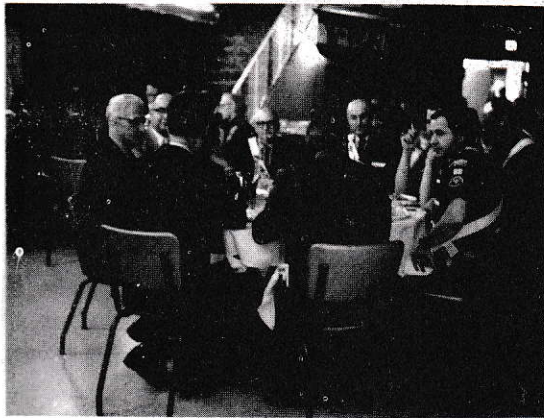
Guests discuss camping experiences with one another.



George Sparks confers with Col. Carroll A. Edson, Honored Guest, before dinner.



Sheridan Nunn, Lodge Advisor, prepares his speech during the entertainment period.



After dinner, members of the Lodge take time out to give a hearty greeting.



Two guests from the 1930's greet other Brothers .



Honored Guest Col. Carroll A. Edson with Sheridan Nunn, Lodge Advisor, George Mozealo, Chairman of the Committee, and Jim Reichel, past Chief.



Three happy Vigil members pose for the photographer.



Past Lodge members exchange notes. Some of these Brothers have not seen one another for many years.

ANQUET



Invocations were given by David Fink, Chuck Accardi and Jim Reichel, Lodge Chief



John Hurley, Master of Ceremonies, delighted the audience with stories and notes of the history of Owassippe Lodge in Chicago Area Council.



A. Edson stands with advisor, George, 50th Anniversary, First Lodge, Past Lodge Chief



Old timers talk with Ernie Schmidt, of the American Camping Association, about future camping programs for Owassippe.



Some old timers enjoying themselves before the program started.



Members at the head table discuss past Lodge history with Col. Edson.



Mark Torbeck, Area 7-1 Chief, stands with enthused guests from the Thatcher Woods Area Council.

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The climax of two years work was shown at the 50th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, which was held at Ferrara Manor on April 25, 1971. The guest speakers were Mark Torbeck, Area Chief; Silas Cathcart, Council President, Jim Sashe, representing Roman Pucinski; Ernie Schmidt, Director of the American Camping Association; George Sparks, Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee; George Mozealous, Owasippe's first Lodge Chief; and Col. Carrol A. Edson, co-founder of Owasippe Lodge and also of the Order of the Arrow.

The speeches were quite short and full of praise of Owasippe's accomplishments and hopes for the future. Mr. Conti, manager of Ferrara Manor, personally entertained the Banquet audience introducing Miss Harriet Blake, famed nightclub singer, with her rendition of "For once in my life," and "I believe." Ron Kulak, Lodge Vice Chief, gave the 50th Anniversary Toast to the Lodge. Bob Widing called the years and honors from 1915-1971. The last in the calling, of course, was Col. Edson, our founder. The past Lodge Chiefs were also recognized.

John Hurley, the Master of Ceremonies and Lodge Corresponding Scribe, read a series of telegrams from important dignitaries who expressed their sorrow at not being able to attend. Some of the telegrams were from Alden G. Barber, Congressman Annunzio and Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago. All those who did not attend had expressed their concern for Owasippe Lodge's future endeavors in the field of camping and service.

The meal, which was served promptly at 2pm, consisted of roast beef and gravy, chicken, au-gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, mostacchioli, salad, rolls and ice-cream. The hearty meal was gracefully served by the Manor's lovely waitresses.

A short songfest was provided by Gordon Stiefel and his merry minstrels. Along with Gordy were George Sparks, Ron Kulak and Chuck Nagel as they led the members into a rousing version of some of Owasippe's dearest camp favorites. The Owasippe Chant, written by Dr. E. Urner Goodman, was sung by all the members as a tribute to the great leadership of Chief Owasippe.

Then Jim Reichel, Lodge Chief, presented Outstanding Service Awards to members of Owasippe Lodge who, in the past fifty years, have exemplified the scout tradition of service to others. Plaques were presented to Col. Carroll A. Edson, George Mozealous and Roger Maina. After the Banquet plaques were sent to Ron Temple, Dick Wilson and E. Urner Goodman. Mr. Ernie Schmidt was also sent a plaque for his meritorious service to camping and service in the past decades.

A special highlight of the program was a taped message from Dr. E. Urner Goodman, the co-founder of the Order of the Arrow, who recalled his remembrances as an Owasippe member and sang his composition of "The Owasippe Hymm." His voice was truly nostalgic and full of energy but the sorrow for times gone by entered his resonant voice as he finished the hymn. He sang the tune the way that no other Order of the Arrowman could sing it. It was perhaps the most touching moment of the banquet.

The Honored guest, Col. Carroll A. Edson, was introduced by John Hurley as the banquet crowd gave him four standing ovations..one at the primary introduction, one at the years and honors calling and two during his enticing speech. The Colonel recalled the founding of the Order of the Arrow at Treasure Island and remarked upon its acceptance by those who were there at that time. From what the Colonel said, the founding of the Order of the Arrow was almost inevitable, because the love of camping and service to others always stood out in the Boy Scouts of America ever since its founding in 1911, four years before the founding of the honor program, later called THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.

The ceremonies during the banquet were carried out with excellent performances by the Lummenepc Chapter Team, representing the Lodge that day. Randy Reichel, Lodge Meteu, executed a beautiful re-enactment of the Owasippe Legend, re-dedication ceremony and closing. As he lit his candle he explained that with many candles lit the work is not only easier, but the force stronger and the brotherhood lasting. Leading us into the closing ceremony, the members re-dedicated themselves to ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE FOR OWASIPPE LODGE AND THE BOY SCOUTS.